

History

Governor's Commission Service The on and Volunteerism was founded in 1994 to provide oversight and to administer Arizona's AmeriCorps funding through the Corporation for National and Community Service, as appropriated by Congress. In 1999, the mission of the Commission was expanded to become the Governor's policy-recommending body on volunteer and service issues. In 2009, with the Serve America Act, the Commission's role has been expanded to include providing training and technical assistance to all 125 National Service Programs in Arizona. representing the diversity and unique nature of the state are appointed to serve on the Commission by the Governor.

Throughout its growth and development, the Commission has placed great emphasis on developing the capacity of community infrastructures to better identify and address important community needs at the local level.

Mission

The Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism initiates, builds, enhances, motivates and maintains an ethic of service and volunteerism statewide.

Vision

The Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism envisions a state in which Arizonans of all ages, backgrounds and abilities view service and volunteerism as their civic responsibility and become connected and strengthened through a commitment of civic engagement.

Strategic Direction

The Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism seeks to engage more Arizonans across the state in meeting important community needs through volunteer service. The Commission also seeks to expand the awareness of national service programs in Arizona.

Programs

AmeriCorps in Arizona

Over \$6 million in funding (\$3.2 M in federal funds) for 79 AmeriCorps*State programs and 500 AmeriCorps members. Program focus areas address critical Arizona needs and produce significant and sustainable impact.

The Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

The highest volunteer award in Arizona acknowledges 11 outstanding individuals, groups and organizations each year since 2002.

State Employee Volunteerism Initiative

Encourages State of Arizona employee volunteerism, specifically as mentors to school-aged youth.

Positive Youth Development

Promote positive youth development and the youth as partner model through Commission operations, in Arizona national service programs and in community.

Mentoring

Partner at the statewide Mentoring Partnership table to promote the growth of the mentoring of youth statewide.

50+ Adult Engagement

Promote the engagement of Arizona's 50+ adult population in service and volunteerism.

Statewide Volunteerism Campaign

In connection with the celebration of the Arizona Centennial, the Commission anticipates the launch of a statewide campaign to encourage volunteerism. The campaign intends reach all communities in Arizona and provide new resources and strategies never before available.

Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Service Learning

Along with collaborative partners, the Commission is has organized the annual Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Service-Learning as a genuine, collaborative effort with the goal of providing an event and activity to help unify the volunteerism and service-learning sector in our state.

Training and Technical Assistance

Provide ongoing training and technical assistance activities, for AmeriCorps*State, National, Senior Corps and Learn and Serve programs, including the Governor's Annual National and Community Service Conference, Arizona National Service Leadership Training, and LeaderCorps.